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Attorney. Docket 040679-1403

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Takeshi ISHIZU et al.

Title:

GEAR SHIFTING ON TARGET SPEED REDUCTION IN

VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEM

Appl. No.:

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:
 - [] Other __.
 - b. Enclosed are:
 - [X] Submission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c).

Miscellaneous:

[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

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The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$770.00	=	\$770.00
Total Claims:	11	-	20	=	0	x	\$18.00	=_	\$0.00
Independents	3	-	3	=	0	x	\$86.00	=_	\$0.00
Fir	st presentatio	n of a	ny Multiple	De	pendent Claims:	+	\$290.00	=_	\$0.00
					CLAIM	S FE	E TOTAL:	=	\$770.00

[X] Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	0	\$0.00	
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:		\$0.00		
[X]		\$950.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:		\$0.00		
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00		\$0.00	
		\$950.00			
	-	\$0.00			
		\$950.00			
		\$1720.00			
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):				
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R.		\$0.00		
		\$1720.00			

^[] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

[X] A check in the amount of \$1720.00 to cover the <u>RCE filing fee</u> and <u>three month extension of time</u> is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date July 15, 2004

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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the Final Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants request a three month extension of time to make this response timely filed. The appropriate fee is enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page $\underline{2}$ of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: